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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph, Chaplain and Dean, Langston University, Oklahoma, offered the following prayer:

The Biblical psalmist says, "I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever" (Psalm Chapter 45:16 and 17).

Let us ask God to govern our hearts and minds and Nation as we pray:

Dear heavenly Father, in a world in which many would claim our allegiance and seek our praise, we recognize that You alone are worthy of our praise.

For since the first Continental Congress opened in 1774 with 2½ hours of prayer, various ministers and guest chaplains and politicians have graced this transit House to appeal to You, as our sovereign Lord, to play an integral role in the Government of our then young Nation.

In 1789 we had 65 House Members and 26 Senators. In 1800 we moved the seat of power to the District of Columbia near the residence of our first President, General George Washington; and since 1911 we have grown to 435 House Members and today we have 100 Senators.

Therefore, Lord, as we grow as one Nation under Your providential jurisdiction, we beseech You to give these anointed House Members and servants to Thy people the fruit of Your omnipotent Holy Spirit.

May the House of Congress serve with love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, as well as justice, humility, and compassion.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been elected by Your grace to direct us to the center of Your will. We openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Saviour and Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 210. An act to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

S. 1344. An act to provide training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers.

S. 2017. An act to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program.

### WELCOMING DR. ERIC ANTHONY JOSEPH

(Mr. ISTOOK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and my honor to welcome today our guest chaplain, Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph, the chaplain of Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma, which is in my congressional district in our State. Langston University is named for the first African-American office holder in American history, and of course it is one of the premier Historically Black Colleges and Universities about which we will be honoring today with a special resolution.

Dr. Joseph is a man of learning, a man of experience, and a man of strong faith. He has received many degrees, including a doctorate of philosophy in intercultural education, a Masters of Divinity, a Masters of Arts in Christian education, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, and two fine arts degrees.

Dr. Joseph has used his talents in a variety of ways to help bring people closer together and closer to God. He has served as a minister, a teacher, a chaplain, as a consultant, an athlete, and as a writer. Dr. Joseph has dedicated his life to ministering to people and strengthening their faith.

I join the Speaker and all of our colleagues in welcoming today Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph to the U.S. House of Representatives; and I thank him for his service, his leadership, and providing us this day with our opening prayer.

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